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CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec, Montreal, and Halifax.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, *November 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 23 there were inspected at the port of Quebec 12 immigrants; passed, 11; detained, 1. Inspected at Montreal, 12; passed, 10; detained, 2. Inspected at the port of Halifax, none.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *November 16, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended November 15, 1901:

Population according to census not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 1. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. The 1 death reported above was due to peritonitis following an acute orchitis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. With this report the work at this station is closed for the quarantine season.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: November 14, steamship *Colombia*; crew, 18; passengers from this port, 2; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 1. November 17, steamship *Foxhall*; crew, 25; passengers from this port, 6; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, not noted. The steamship *Foxhall* arrived in this port the morning of November 14, 1901, and complied with all the regulations of the quarantine service to and including November 15, 1901. Passengers with their baggage did not go on board until November 17.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Résumé of work at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *November 16, 1901.*

SIR: In accordance with instructions from the Bureau, I closed the work at this station November 15, 1901.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions embraced in the period between September 15 and November 15, 1901: Number of vessels inspected, 25; number of persons inspected—ships' crews, 477; passengers, 23. Total, 500. Number of pieces of baggage inspected, 37 (including 1 toolchest); number of pieces of baggage dis-

infected, 36; infectious and contagious diseases—1 case of yellow fever, and 4 cases of smallpox occurred during the period embraced in this report.

The public property in my possession has been securely packed, and delivered to Mr. D. R. Hand, United States consular agent, and I inclose his receipt for same.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Prevalence in Bogota and other ports, of smallpox, dysentery, typhoid and typhus fevers.

BOGOTA, BOLIVIA, *October 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that health conditions at this capital, as well as in many other parts of the Republic, are worse than have been known for years. In Bogota, smallpox, dysentery, typhoid and typhus fevers are, and for months have been most prevalent. The typhus is of very malignant form and has invaded all sections of the city and attacked all classes. There is no means of knowing exactly the number of deaths daily from typhoid and typhus fevers, but the number is great. The physicians are kept busy, and some of them have died from typhus. * * *

Respectfully,

CHAS. BURDETT HART,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENTFUEGOS, CUBA, *November 25, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to submit the following report for the district under my command, for the week ended November 23, 1901:

Nineteen deaths have occurred in this city; of these 4 occurred in the civil hospital. Causes of death were: Tuberculosis, 3; insufficiency, mitral, 2; sclerosis, arterial, 2; old age, 1; enteritis, 1; tetanus, 1; paludism, 4; hemorrhage, internal, 1; hemorrhage, cerebral, 1; obstruction, intestinal, 1; congestion, cerebral, 1; nephritis, 1; embolism, 1; bronchitis, 1. Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants, 24.76.

November 22 another case of diphtheria was reported in this city. All proper precautions are being taken in this case as in the other case reported last week. Five vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 4 vessels admitted without inspection; 16 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and 12 alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land.

Casilda.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Cantero reports 5 deaths in the city of Trinidad. No contagious diseases reported; 12 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 12 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Quevedo reports 1 death at that port for the week ended November 16, 1901. No contagious diseases reported in that vicinity; 2 vessels inspected and passed,